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The celebration marking the completion of the Golden Ears Bridge on June 14 will include musical performances by First Nations blues performer Murray Porter, the Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration and Delhi 2 Dublin. George Tabert, the winner of the bridge-naming contest held in 2004, will also be present. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Golden Ears Bridge completion festivities

Local



Prince to mark navy centennial

His Royal Highness, the Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, left, will be in Vancouver today to dedicate a naval mast in Stanley Park to mark the beginning of the Canadian Navy Centennial and recognize our city's maritime heritage.

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News in brief

ENVIRONMENT Vancouverites are more worried than Americans about the impact of climate change and unsustainable fishing in oceans, according to a North American survey released yesterday by the Vancouver Aquarium.

PROTEST Greenpeace activists hit an Extra Foods grocery store in Coquitlam yesterday for Day 6 of a Canada-wide campaign to protest supermarket chains for selling what it says is unsustainable seafood.

MISSING The RCMP is asking for public help in locating a "distracted" 14-year-old Surrey boy who disappeared from his family Tuesday night.

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Video General Motors' road to recovery begins with rebranding strategy at metronews.ca/canada



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Building a better body and mind

Bodybuilder learns from unhealthy past as she prepares for competition

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Bodybuilder and mobile personal trainer Linda Cusmano said it's ironic life has brought her to where she is now — days spent predominantly at the gym.

Cusmano spent her formative years battling chronic bronchial asthma and anorexia.

But the 37-year-old Vancouverite — who next month is competing in the B.C. Provincials bodybuilding competition — said it was those illnesses that drove her to lift weights.

"I've come from a background of a lot of illnesses and so this is empowering for me," said Cusmano, who works out two hours a day and maintains a protein-rich diet.

Provincials

The B.C. Provincials are being held at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster on July 25.

She'll be spending the next month working on whittling her body fat down to 10 per cent ahead of the competition.

Despite being lean and

fit, Cusmano admits it's difficult to keep up a rigorous wellness regime, and her body image still isn't perfect.

"I have ups and downs. I still look in the mirror some days and see a 300-pound person, believe it or not. Those are the days you have to ... walk away, and I've learned to recognize when my eyesight isn't right."

Cusmano said that experience helps her address similar insecurities with her clients.

"To be anorexic or not eat takes willpower," she said, explaining that you have to take that motivation and turn it around so food becomes a building block toward health, rather than a hindrance.

"That's the same (strategy) I use," she said.



Premier Gordon Campbell sits in the hydrogen-powered Honda FCX Clarity outside Vancouver's new convention centre yesterday.

Fuel cell rides give glimpse of future

TECH It'll be a decade before you'll see soccer moms driving around in fuel-cell-powered minivans, but the technology is beginning to come into its own.

The B.C. leg of the "hydrogen highway" will be completed before the 2010 Games, and in the next eight months Whistler will launch the world's first fuel-cell bus fleet.

Yesterday, a dozen fuel-cell vehicles, built by seven

automakers, finished a nine-day trek from California to Vancouver to showcase the technology.

Catherine Dunwoody, executive director of the California Fuel Cell Partnership, said four carmakers plan to commercialize fuel-cell vehicles by 2015.

She said B.C. is a "leader" in building hydrogen-fueled stations for vehicles.

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METRO VANCOUVER

Jobless clock cruises into city

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CAMPAIGN Canada's National Unemployment Clock increases by one person every 35 seconds.

At lunchtime yesterday, mounted on a black van parked at Burrard and Robson streets, it ticked past 1,638,000.

"Wherever we go, the truck is a magnet for conversation," said spokesman Thomas Stringham. "People come up and say, 'Wow, is that the real number of unemployed people?'"

The campaign is funded through the Telecommunications Workers Union, whose 14,500 members work for Telus and Shaw Cablesystems.

Stringham said the union is concerned about a number of call-centre jobs being



Spokesman Thomas Stringham stands by the National Unemployment Clock at Robson and Burrard streets in Vancouver yesterday.

sent to the Philippines.

The campaign launched on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on May 6 and has travelled across Canada, raising awareness about jobs heading offshore.

"I don't think anyone is remotely in support of

valuable, profitable jobs leaving the country," Stringham said.

The Keep Jobs In Canada campaign hopes to collect 10,000 signatures for a petition that will be presented to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

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Jane Rule

UBC given \$1.7M for sexuality studies

A \$1.7-million anonymous donation will be used to create Canada's largest fund for the study of human sexuality at the University of British Columbia.

The donation was made in the name of Jane Rule, a lesbian literary icon and former UBC educator who contributed to the decriminalization of homosexuality and the rise of Canadian literature on the world stage.

"Jane Rule played an immense role in shaping dialogue in Canada and internationally around gay rights and the celebration of differences," said Nancy Gallini, dean of UBC's faculty of arts. "This generous gift will build on her legacy."

The endowment will support programs related to the study of sexual orientation, race and gender and provide support for UBC's critical studies in sexuality program; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) student groups; conferences; and visiting lectures. **METRO VANCOUVER**

News in brief

FLIGHT WARS Dubai's Emirates airline, which wants to fly to Vancouver, said it's "ludicrous" that Canada is limiting it to three weekly flights to protect Air Canada and its international partners.

CHARGES Impaired driving charges have been laid against the son of former B.C. judge Carol Baird Ellan.

UNION VOTE ESL instructors at Pacific Language Institute in Vancouver have voted 90 per cent in favour of unionizing.

PARAMEDICS B.C.'s ambulance paramedics, on strike since April 1, are meeting with their employer for two days next week for formal negotiations.

RULING The Supreme Court of B.C. ruled that a pre-sale condo owner can abandon his contract because the disclosure statement he was provided did not include significant amendments made later by the developer. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Canada



Health insurers invest in tobacco: Report

Canadian and U.S. health insurance companies — including Toronto's Sun Life Financial Inc. — have more than \$3 billion invested in the tobacco industry, a letter published today in the New England Journal of Medicine charges. By refusing to quit their addiction to those lethal and seemingly self-injurious cigarette profits, the insurers lose any moral right to help set health policy in either country, the letter's Harvard University authors argue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MP stays on despite file slip

PM refuses offer to quit after secret documents left at TV station

Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused the resignation of Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt yesterday after a binder containing confidential nuclear documents was left in a television studio.

The documents were left in a CTV studio after a visit by Raitt and at least one other official. CTV said it had kept the documents for six days to see if anybody would try to retrieve them, and no one did.

"This is a serious matter. Clear procedures were not followed in this case. Corrective action has been taken," Raitt told Parliament in a question period dominated by the issue.

"I offered to resign if the

prime minister felt it necessary. He did not accept it. The person responsible for handling the documents offered their resignation, and I did accept it."

Government officials would not name the political attaché who had accompanied Raitt to the television studio.

The opposition said the incident showed incompetence on the part of the Conservatives, already under fire for their handling of the economic crisis.

"The issue here is an issue of competence, and not just competence in relation to this minister but competence in relation to the whole government," said Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.

REUTERS



Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt prepares to speak in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused the resignation of Raitt yesterday after a binder containing confidential nuclear documents was left in a television studio.

Tourist killing reminder of journalist's ordeal

ABDUCTION Few cut as glamorous a figure as the freelance journalist in a conflict zone, especially when she is a long-legged beauty.

Laptop computer, digital cameras and colourful head scarves in tow, she cinematically charms her way through police checkpoints and border crossings to report on war and humanitarian disaster.

The description fits Amanda Lindhout, Canada's forgotten hostage in Africa.

The killing yesterday of British tourist Edwin Dyer in the West African country of Mali, by an al-Qaida wing, brings her wrenching ordeal to mind.

So does the image last week of Lindhout begging for her life in a five-minute phone interview with Agence France-Presse in Paris.

Lindhout, 27, grew up in

Lawless nation

- No Somali government has existed since 1991. No Western aid workers operate there. No Western news agencies dare enter.

the Alberta town of Sylvan Lake, just outside Red Deer.

On Aug. 20, 2008 she arrived with 37-year-old Australian photographer Nigel Brennan in Mogadishu, Somalia, one of the world's most lawless places.

Three days later, on Aug. 23, Lindhout and Brennan were kidnapped by bandits 20 kilometres away at Afgoye, a shantytown for people displaced by fighting. Their condition appears to be deteriorating.

In February, word of a failed escape attempt reached Journalists Without Borders. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mint missing precious metals?

INVESTIGATION The hunt for the gold is on. The missing gold, that is.

The world-renowned Royal Canadian Mint has called investigators to look into what could be the theft of a significant quantity of gold, silver and other precious metals.

"We're conducting a review. We've asked a third party to assist us with that and we should have the results within the next few weeks and by the end of month we'll be making them public," said mint spokeswoman Christine Aquino. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RCMP casts shadow over evidence

OLIPHANT The RCMP has no records to support Brian Mulroney's evidence that officers escorted him to at least one meeting where he received cash payments from German-Canadian businessman Karlheinz Schreiber.

"There are no RCMP records available to show that RCMP officers accompanied Mr. Mulroney in a couple of instances," said inquiry counsel Evan Roitenberg said, adding the information was not meant "to challenge in any way Mr. Mulroney's assertion that RCMP officers ac-

Request

- Commission counsel had requested all documents or records of officers involved in accompanying Mulroney on several dates.

companied him."

At one point during his six days on in the stand before the inquiry, Mulroney even appeared to joke he was in good hands when he received a \$75,000 cash payment at a hotel near Mirabel Airport on Aug. 27, 1993 — the first of three

cash payments — and was driven by the RCMP back to a nearby cottage, which was the family's temporary home at the time.

"The RCMP made every effort, and conducted diligent searches, to locate all relevant documents and identify all RCMP members who accompanied or provided security for Mr. Mulroney on the dates (provided by the inquiry) ... (but) the RCMP has no surviving record of receiving a request for, or of providing protective services for Mr. Mulroney," said the statement. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vets chide image focus

MILITARY Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen who have retired are complaining that the dirty work of war is losing ground to a force obsessed with image, political correctness and the kind of inclusiveness one might expect to find in the most corporate of corporations.

A sampling of the questionnaires that are completed by all retiring members of the military were

obtained by the Star under the Access to Information Act.

Retirees were asked why they decided to leave the military and then were presented with a number of statements about the Canadian Forces with which they could agree or disagree.

The main reason behind a soldier's decision to find new work has been family. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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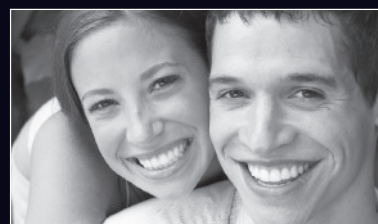
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Vancouver Olympic organizers have signed a deal to offset carbon emissions from the 2010 Winter Games. B.C.-based Offsetters will invest in technology such as hydrogen fuel cells to offset 110,000 tonnes of carbon emissions. But the \$5-million deal doesn't include an estimated 190,000 tonnes of "indirect" emissions generated by the Games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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T.O.'s house-hunting woes

New Buffalo Bills wide receiver Terrel Owens, left, has apparently run into a snag looking for a place to stay in Buffalo. Tuesday night, Owens posted a message through Twitter.com that he's "tripping about residents" that won't rent an Orchard Park, N.Y., house to him because they "(don't) want any drama in their neighborhood!! LOL!! Wow!!". Real estate agent Bob Wozniak reportedly disputed Owens' complaint. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Blue Jays thumped by Angels

BASEBALL

Angels 8, Blue Jays 1

BASEBALL Jered Weaver struck out a career-high 10 batters in seven strong innings, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer and drove in four as the Angels cruised to an 8-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Weaver (5-2) surrendered only one run on three hits and walked two in his start for Los Angeles, which lost the opener

of this three-game series on Tuesday after Toronto's Roy Halladay struck out a career-high 14 in a complete game effort.

But the Angels responded yesterday with 13 hits, seven of which went for extra bases.

Casey Janssen (1-2) took the loss after giving up five runs on seven hits in four innings. Adam Lind had a pair of doubles as part of a three-hit game for the Blue Jays, who have lost two of three overall.

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Detroit Red Wings Pavel Datsyuk stretches during the team's practice yesterday for tonight's Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final. Datsyuk hasn't played since injuring his foot in the Western Conference final.

Wings hope for a healthy Datsyuk

(Detroit leads series 2-1)

Detroit at Pittsburgh



Detroit Red Wings centre Pavel Datsyuk, a finalist for the Hart trophy as NHL MVP, could be fit to play in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals, the defending champions said yesterday.

Datsyuk, who has not played since injuring his foot blocking a shot during the Western Conference final against the Chicago Blackhawks, said he felt good and was keen to get into the lineup against the Pittsburgh Penguins tonight.

Detroit coach Mike Bab-

cock said the team would wait until after this morning's skate before making a final decision.

"What we'll do is we'll go for the optional skate in the morning and see how he responded today and see how he felt," Babcock told reporters. "He's a Hart Trophy candidate. He's one of the best players in the world."

"Obviously, we'd like to have him. But it's one of those injuries. I thought we needed him the day we lost him against Chicago and I think we've needed him every game since."

"But guys have stepped up, done a real good job and given us an opportunity."

"Just like last night, they gave us a good opportunity and we weren't able to finish."

Detroit leads the best-of-seven final 2-1, but appeared to lack energy late in Tuesday's 4-2 Game 3 defeat.

Datsyuk's return would lift some of the burden off Henrik Zetterberg, who has been logging heavy minutes checking Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby.

"I'm healthy now," said Datsyuk. "This is not fun to watch, it is better when you play in the game and you are there with the teammates on the ice."

The Red Wings said yesterday that Kris Draper would return to the team for Game 4.

The hard-nosed veteran, who has helped Detroit to four Stanley Cups, missed five games nursing a groin injury. **REUTERS**

Serena latest to be upset at French Open

TENNIS A new name will be engraved on the French Open women's trophy after a courageous Svetlana Kuznetsova exacted sweet revenge on Serena Williams to reach the last four.

Williams had been the last former champion left standing at Roland Garros and Kuznetsova, who rolled her ankle in the second set, handed the American second seed a 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 defeat yesterday.

The Russian world No. 7 will face doubles specialist Samantha Stosur after the Australian expelled Romanian high school student Sorana Cirstea with a 6-1, 6-3 victory to reach her first major semifinal.

The other semi will be contested between world No. 1 Dinara Safina and Slovak 20th seed Dominika Cibulkova.

"In the third I had an opportunity and I got really tight, and I pretty much gave it to her," said Williams, the 2002 champion, who had a 5-1 record over Kuznetsova going into the match.

"It was like, 'Here, do you want to go to the semis? Because I don't. She was like, 'OK.'"

REUTERS

Sports in brief

NFL Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook will be out until the start of the regular season due to a nagging ankle injury that may need surgery, Comcast SportsNet reported yesterday.

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Tiger Woods, right, and the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus, laugh at the Memorial Skins Game yesterday.

Tiger beats the Golden Bear

GOLF Tiger Woods gave the fans a perfect warm-up for this week's Memorial tournament, playing alongside golfing great Jack Nicklaus before winning Wednesday's Skins Game with a dramatic chip-in.

After holing a clutch 12-foot par putt at the last to extend the eight-man competition, Woods coolly sealed victory by holing out from 25 yards in the closest-to-the-pin chipping contest at the 18th.

"That was nice," the American world No. 1 told reporters at a wet Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Watched by huge galleries on a rainy day at Muirfield Village, Woods played with tournament host Nicklaus, 69, for the first time since the opening two rounds of the 2000 U.S. PGA Championship.

Despite struggling to reach some of the fairways in the damp conditions, Nicklaus sparked loud roars from the fans when he won two skins on the par-five 11th after hitting an eight-iron to four feet to set up a birdie.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

SOCCER With the Whitecaps' big win over Toronto FC on Tuesday, goalkeeper Jay Nolly set the Nutrilite Canadian Championship record for clean sheets in a season. Nolly posted his third consecutive clean sheet in the 2-0 victory over TFC, pushing Vancouver into first place in the competition standings. With but one match left in the championship, Vancouver must wait for the June 18 result between Toronto and the Montreal Impact. Vancouver will win if the Impact can hold Toronto to three goals or less.

FOOTBALL New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison has decided to retire after 15 seasons in the NFL. Harrison spent the last six seasons with New England after playing his first nine years with San Diego. He won a pair of Super Bowl titles with the Patriots.

BASKETBALL Cleveland's LeBron James has been released from the Cleveland Clinic after undergoing successful surgery Tuesday to remove a benign growth near the right side of his jaw.

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Orlando at L.A. Lakers



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant has enjoyed one of the most rewarding seasons of his career, but he says that would count for nothing if his team fail to win the NBA Finals against the Orlando Magic.

The best-of-seven series starts tonight with Game 1 at Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles with the Western Conference champion Lakers installed as favourites.

"It's been a helluva year, winning a gold medal and making it to the finals last year," Bryant told reporters after the Lakers completed a practice session at Staples Center. "We didn't win, but we gained valuable experience."

The Lakers were beaten by the Boston Celtics in last year's finals, two months before Bryant and his U.S. teammates won Olympic gold in Beijing with a 118-107 victory over world champions Spain.

"Being on that Olympic team, building the friendships we built there, coming back to this season and having the season that we've had to this point, it's been very rewarding."

Asked if all that would go to waste if the upstart Magic upset the Lakers in the NBA's season finale, Bryant replied: "In my eyes, yes."

"This is what I play for all summer. All I thought about was the Olympics and the gold medal. We were able to accomplish that. My next goal is winning the NBA Championship and we don't want to fall short of that."

Although the Lakers are seeking their 15th NBA title while their opponents are appearing in the finals for only the second time, Bryant expects a gruelling challenge.

Unfancied going into the post-season, Dwight Howard and the Magic overcame the Philadelphia 76ers and the defending champion Boston Celtics before stunning MVP LeBron James and the Cavaliers in six games.

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Prejudice at the altar

Banning same-sex marriage a shame on the U.S.

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Frustration has been rainbow-coloured since the California Supreme Court ruled on Prop 8, upholding the ban on same-sex marriage in the Golden State.

The announcement, made last Tuesday, means the roughly 18,000 couples who married in the short window they were legally able — from mid-June to early November 2008 — will not be affected. Other same-sex couples who want to swap rings from here on

out, however, are SOL.

It's a little disheartening that in an era of change and renewed optimism such prejudice is still legally enforced, no?

Here in Canada, same-sex marriage was legalized province-by-province since 2003, until it was recognized nationwide two years later. It is currently legal in six other countries and is expected to be legal in six U.S. states by the end of the year.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, cyborg assassin from the future and a longtime Republican who upheld the court's decision, conceded that one day "either the people or courts will recognize gay marriage." Even former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney, another killer automaton, voiced his support.

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"I think that freedom means freedom for everyone," Cheney said at the National Press Club earlier this week, echoing statements he made in 2004. "I think people ought to be free to enter into any kind of union they wish, any kind of arrangement they wish."

Some opponents say it hinders procreation and tarnishes the sanctity of marriage, but people in "traditional" marriages aren't required to have kids and us straight folks have been ruining the sanctity of marriage for as long as marriages have existed.

Some states offer domes-

tic partnerships and civil unions — a major step in the right direction — but stopping there is akin to the "separate but equal" doctrine under the Jim Crow laws of the late 1800s and early 1900s that had blacks drinking from separate water fountains than whites.

Slavery was legal in the U.S. just 150 years ago, some women couldn't vote just 100 years ago and the reality of a black president seemed far away just two years ago. It is my belief that we will one day look back on the banning of same-sex marriage — perhaps the last legally enforced prejudice in North America — with the same humility and quiet shame.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter.



Worth mentioning

Spurned suitor offers ring in treasure hunt

A New Zealand man, spurned by the woman of his dreams, has come up with a novel way of disposing of the diamond engagement ring he bought her — a treasure hunt.

Anyone keen to pick up the ring, valued at \$3,268 US, will need to be in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, Saturday to join the hunt, the Dominion Post newspaper reported.

"I met this girl I thought was pretty cool, bought a ring. Turns out she wasn't as keen," Anthony Gardiner, a 29-year-old call-centre worker, told the Dominion Post.

Clues to the ring's

whereabouts will start being posted on social networking site Twitter at 8 a.m. New Zealand time Saturday.

Having bought the ring in Hong Kong, he couldn't return it, and didn't want to sell it, so he hit upon the treasure hunt.

Hanging on to it in the hopes of finding a willing recipient is also not an option.

"Obviously, it's been a pretty unlucky ring for me," Gardiner said, adding he hoped it would be found by somebody who has "found a cool chick and who wants to give them something they normally wouldn't be able to afford."

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What governments should be doing

InBusiness

Charles
Davies



The two previous columns in this series have talked about what government shouldn't be doing — bailing out corporate failures and becoming active participants in the private sector. But what is government's proper role in the economy?

To take a spin through Economics 101, government is there to define the ground rules of commerce through laws and regulations. It regulates economic activity by using fiscal policy (taxing and spending) and monetary policy (interest rates and other credit controls). It also

monitors and regulates Canadian international business interests by making and enforcing trade agreements.

Government rightly provides a social safety net in the form of employment insurance, public pensions and other supplements based on age and/or circumstances. In a recession, government is obliged to use its resources — our tax dollars — to help out.

It's best prepared to do this by running budget surpluses in good times, building up a reserve that can be used in hard times when it may be necessary to run a deficit. Mostly, this doesn't happen because governments tend to make economic decisions for political reasons.

One way the Harper Conservatives managed to turn a surplus into a record \$50-billion deficit

Bailout Series

(Editor's note: This is the final part of Charles Davies' series on financial bailouts.)

in a blink of Jim Flaherty's eye is they cut the GST before the recession to appeal to voters, forfeiting revenues that would be helpful right about now.

It's perfectly reasonable to spend tax dollars to provide assistance to individuals (in the form of extended benefits) and companies in general (tax measures) in a recession. Public works spending on infrastructure or research and development that benefits the economy in general is also useful.

It's also fitting that governments provide support to key industries — i.e. aerospace and forest products, to name two — so

they can compete internationally on an equal footing with foreign companies that have equivalent support from their governments. The critical distinction here is that government should not be in the business of shielding uncompetitive and/or dying companies like GM or Chrysler from market realities.

Otherwise, government is there to be the honest broker or economic referee — providing clear, fair and consistently applied business regulation and enforcement, tax policies and broad-based incentives.

In short, its job is to level the playing field so everyone — companies as well as individuals — gets a fair shake.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

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Gates encourages rich to give away wealth

Microsoft founder Bill Gates said yesterday that billionaires ought to give away most of their wealth to charitable causes, and that they would even find they enjoy it. Gates has given much of his wealth to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a philanthropic powerhouse. **REUTERS**



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Ottawa fears trade backlash

'Buy Canadian' reaction may hurt Canada, minister says

The Canadian government is worried that towns and cities could start introducing "Buy Canadian" policies in response to increased U.S. protectionism, Trade Minister Stockwell Day said yesterday.

A "Buy American" provision in the U.S. economic stimulus package passed by Congress in February says public works projects should use iron, steel and other goods made in the United States.

Ottawa says Canadian companies are being discriminated against by U.S. state and municipal governments on some water and sewage treatment projects funded by the bill.

Day said the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which is due to hold its annual general meeting from tomorrow to June 8, would discuss a proposal to shut out companies from nations that impose trade restrictions on Canadian firms.

Media response

• The New York Times said yesterday in its lead editorial that the "Buy American" clause was "a terrible idea" that could ultimately cost U.S. jobs.

"I understand that reaction. I'm also very concerned about that reaction," Day said in a speech, adding that both countries would be hurt by increased protectionism.

Canada sends about 75 per cent of all its exports to the United States and could be economically crippled by a serious wave of U.S. protectionism.

"If one country starts to build protectionist barriers that hurt businesses in another country, there will be an impulse to retaliate, and I would like to see this resolved at the executive level in the United States," Day later told reporters.

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Office space costs drop

PROPERTY A depressed global economy that has seen commercial rents fall dramatically in most major cities has knocked perennial front-runner London out of the top spot among the most expensive places to set up an office.

But Toronto and Calgary remain in the global top 50 because Canada has been relatively healthy compared to other financial centres, according to a report by CB Richard Ellis released yesterday.

Toronto is the 46th most expensive place to rent top-quality office space, up

one spot from last year, with average rents of \$51.82 US per square foot. Calgary moved up three spots to 39th, with average costs per square foot of \$54.57.

"It's not that Calgary and Toronto did all that great; it's that other world markets have taken a bashing," said John O'Bryan, vice-chairman of CB Richard Ellis. "We took one step back, but the rest of the world took five."

Former No. 1 London was knocked off this year by Tokyo.

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Business in brief

INVESTIGATION Toronto-Dominion Bank said yesterday it was looking into allegations that a handful of traders improperly passed on rumours to clients about a stock, believed to be oilsands company OPTI Canada. A media report said an analyst at TD emailed a market rumour to

the firm's sales and trading desk in New York, which then passed it to some institutional sources.

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Léger launches at BCBGMAXAZRIA

Iconic fashion label Hervé Léger by Max Azria expanded its Canadian presence this week with a new 27-piece collection at three flagship BCBGMAXAZRIA stores in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. The mostly bright-coloured summer collection features party dresses and skirts ranging from \$788 to \$3,000. (Left: Hervé Léger grey dress). The Vancouver store is located at 1080 Robson St.

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Beading the odds

Crafty embellishments make an unexpected comeback

Beads are the new bling. Unlike precious jewels, beads give off a naive and crafty vibe — wholly appropriate for these frugal times.

Seed beads, those tiny ones the size of a pinhead, have had a long career in the world of craft.

They've always been a hit with kids at summer camp who created colourful string jewellery. They were also popular with hip-

pies in the '70s.

This summer, the bead is making an unexpected return to fashion. Entire handbags are covered in a dazzling display of beads in every imaginable colour. Simple necklaces are fashioned out of colourful strands of them. Even shoes get the beaded treatment, embellished with these tiny dots of colour.

"They are a reminder of the peace-loving, innocent

times of the hippie era. It's an embellishment but not over the top," says Cyndy Calder, owner of The Bead Goes On, a store that specializes in vintage beaded accessories. "These beads are not expensive."

And beads' reappearance seems perfectly timed — in this economy, no one wants to be seen as extravagant.

Everyone is aware that people are struggling and it

would be pretty inconsiderate to be flashy now, says Calder, whose store is located in Toronto, Ont.

Beads can be "cheap and cheerful," she notes.

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Global style inspires soft, slouchy trousers

A funny thing happened on the way to the recession. Denim met its demise.

You would think that jeans, perhaps the most proletarian piece of apparel, known for durability, strength and versatility, would soar in these times.

But blue jeans appear to have fallen out of favour with women. After a long reign in fashion, where denim was a demi-god, seemingly unstoppable with its many transformations and permutations, the allure now seems to be fading.

A recent Dow Jones Newswires story stated that sales for three of the sector's publicly traded players

— True Religion, 7 For All Mankind and Joe's Jeans — have declined in department stores.

In a market saturated with too many brands and stratospheric prices, have jeans become their own worst enemy?

Overzealous brands ripped them to shreds, tricked them out with rhinestones and sequins and jacked up prices to make them as expensive as couture gowns. Skinny jeans became as snug as leggings.

Acid washed and shredded jeans appeared on the Paris runways for spring 2009 at Balmain's show, accompanied by the whopping price tag of \$2,100 US.

In its fall collection, D&G showed jeans with legs encrusted in enormous crystals.

Levi Strauss would chuckle at the excess of pants he originally intended as tough work-wear for men during the California Gold Rush.

Like Icarus, denim seems to have forgotten its humble beginnings, and after soaring too high must now fall back to earth.

Writer Daniel Akst, in a recent Wall Street Journal column, cites the ubiquity of denim as the cause.

"Denim was a symbol of youthful defiance, embraced by Marlon Brando, James Dean," he wrote.

But the laws of fashion, and the ups and downs of the marketplace, dictate that the void must be filled. And if jeans are out, a different sort of trouser must step up.

This summer, the trouser surfaces in a variety of shapes: Drop-crotch, dhoti, high-waisted, full-leg, peg-leg, multi-pleated, harem — all different styles and all taking great strides to topple jeans

in the popularity contest.

"The one great wardrobe updater this year is the pant," says Susie Sheffman, fashion director at Fashion magazine.

But why not a simple pair of black trousers? Why all these weird, unusual shapes?

"Because we all have a simple pair of black pants in our wardrobes already," she says. "Even in tough times we want a hit of fashion. And these are pants that are available in a variety of price points."

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RIGHT: High-waisted cargo pants. (Available at H&M, \$59.90).



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A free spirit approach

Jessica Biel is more than just Justin's girlfriend!

By ANNE BRODIE
Contributing Writer

In her latest film, *Easy Virtue*, Jessica Biel plays Larita, a feisty American divorcee who is seen as a "gold digger from the land of opportunists." While her co-stars in this frothy British period piece didn't see her in that light, the 27-year-old American actress says that she could relate to her character's struggle to blend in with a well-heeled, upper-crust world. "I felt like a fish out of water, but it was so helpful," says Biel, who enjoyed a middle-class upbringing in Boulder, Colo. "We just kind of exploited that. Anytime I was feeling uncomfortable, the director

rolled the cameras!"

The film, which opens this month, is set in the late 1920s and based on a social comedy by Noel Coward that pokes fun at snooty English high society and, at a deeper social level, exposes how American entrepreneurial zeal was overshadowing Britain's imperialism.

Larita, who is a race-car driver, represents the brave new world crashing into the old when she marries British aristocrat John Whittaker (Ben Barnes). When the pair arrive at the Whittaker family pile, John's father (Colin Firth) is charmed by Larita's spirited ways, but his mother (Kristin Scott Thomas) is horrified.

For Biel, starring in *Easy Virtue* was a career-enhancing move. "It was exactly what I was looking for, something I could throw myself into where everyone is



expecting me to fail," Biel told the British press. "I knew I could do it. That's the joy of this business: shaking

it up — surprising myself, surprising everybody else — otherwise, people just put you in a box."

NEUTRAL TERRITORY

Take your summer inspiration from the Hermès runway, which showed a pared-down beauty look, with a focus on great skin. The trick is to choose makeup shades that match your skin tone. Start with concealer to hide imperfections, but use as little as possible to let your skin show through. Get a warm glow with a sweep of sheer bronzer or tawny blush. Try brown mascara for a softer look, and finish with a sophisticated nude lip.

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Nicole Richie's resumé may be peripatetic — reality-TV star, novelist, wild child, mother — but her sense of personal style is unswerving. No surprise, then, that Richie launched a jewellery line, House of Harlow 1960, this spring that will expand to include clothing "I was inspired by African and Indian jewellery books; I wanted the pieces to have a vintage but cultured feel." (at holtrenfrew.com).

Metro Homes

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Modern and classic merge in Cloverdale

Suite Talk

Classic farmhouse architecture meets contemporary interior design at Saddle Creek in Provincetown, the latest development from Morningstar Homes. Situated in the small town of Cloverdale, this 78-home subdivision is the developer's first "five-star" community.

Saddle Creek homes use design cues from original Surrey farmhouses built a century ago. Among the features are farmhouse-style windows and porch. Expansive gourmet kitchens with granite islands and counters complete the country living look.

"The Saddle Creek community brings together all the positive elements of a rural community atmosphere," says Morningstar president Dale Barron. "The attractive location and design of the homes inspired us to build a development that fully represents the value of a Morningstar home and that is why Saddle Creek is a five-star community."

Five spacious open concept floor plans are available and feature three and four bedroom options. Interior amenities include spa-like master ensembles, eco-friendly flooring and carpet-



ing as well as Kohler plumbing fixtures.

"I wanted to pay homage to the agricultural roots of the area while having all the modern living spaces of today," says Barron. "From the 18-foot ceilings in the great room to the wall of windows overlooking a 10-acre parkland, it really is spectacular. It's traditional styling on the outside and comfort within."

Morningstar designed the homes to take full advantage of the land available. Barron says that every home comes fully landscaped, allowing the community to have a uniform look. The landscape archi-

Saddle Creek homes in Cloverdale use design cues from original Surrey farmhouses built a century ago. Seen here are some shots from the development.

tecture provides the new homes with flat yards while the sloping land ensures every home has quality sunset views to the west.

Homes in Saddle Creek at Provincetown range from 3,045 square feet to 3,288 square feet including unfini-



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New suburbia goes trendy, hip

HouseLeague

Ryan DeLuca

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The face of suburbia is forever changing with the development of a new concept in living called master planned communities. With full amenities, modern styles and all the trendy shopping you need, the suburb is no longer just a feeder community to downtown Vancouver.

All over the lower mainland master planned communities such as Newport Village and Suter Brook Village in Port Moody and Clayton in Cloverdale

are being built by developers as a way of renewing the vibrancy of these once transient cities. The days of needing the car for simple chores such as grocery shopping or grabbing a coffee are long gone. Gyms and all other recreational facilities are now right at your doorstep.

Selling in a master planned communities is also a great feature to advertise in the sale of your home. Most couples look-

ing to expand their families and who currently reside in the downtown core can be hesitant if not outright adamant about whether or not to move to the suburbs. Being able to show that everything they have come to love about the city can be had outside the city walls with a more attractive price tag can be a pivotal selling point.

Now, for you purchasers out there, here is an opportunity to buy into communities that can rival anything you will find in the city. Being close to every amenity you can imagine while affording a larger space than you could in downtown is not only a great opportunity for you, but a great way to invest in a property that will maintain its value over the old style subdivision home.

"The suburbs of today in no way resemble the suburbs of the past. (They are) more popular to people of all ages."

So what it comes down to is a shift in your perspective. The suburbs of today in no way resemble the suburbs of the past. With new city plans including the advent of the master planned community, these new neighbourhoods are becoming trendier, hipper and more popular to people of all ages.

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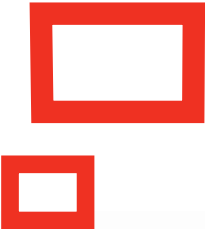


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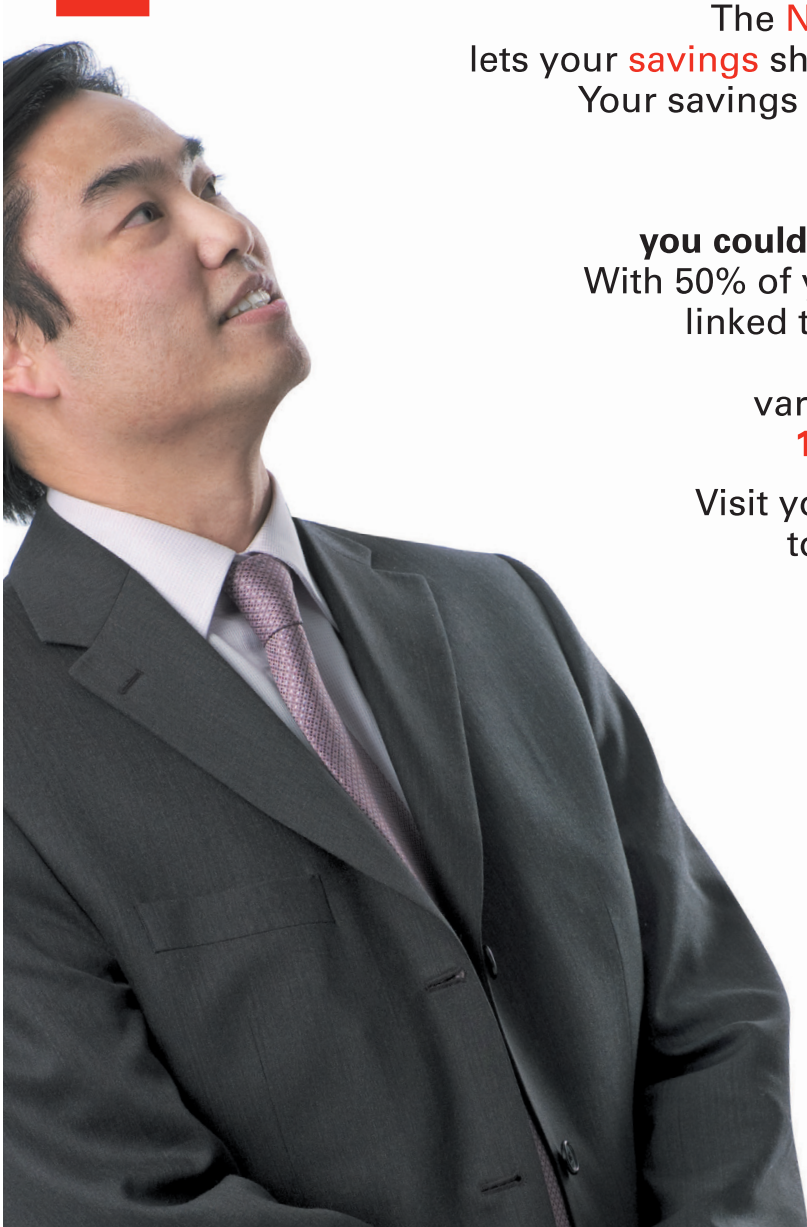
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—ANDREW MCLACHLAN

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What's your favourite rose and why?

Des Kennedy | Denman Island, B.C. • Author

Étoile de Hollande for its velvet red blooms and gorgeous scent. Mind you, Madame Isaac Pereire smells at least as fine, and Dublin Bay (Macdub) is easily as rich in colour, although none’s more elegant than Constance Spry, except perhaps Madame Grégoire Staechelin, but the abundance of Kiftgate outdoes them all, and the subtly changing colours of

Alchemist are hard to beat, aren’t they? Hmm, you did say just one favourite, didn’t you?

Albert Mondar | Montreal • Horticulturist, garden designer, writer, television host:

My own garden doesn’t have enough sun for roses and, as a garden designer, I’m not too keen on them. Many of my clients ask for roses but are rarely willing to spray them with pesticides, fertilize often and put imposing winter protection on them. My advice to those who truly want

trouble- and hassle-free roses is to plant plastic ones!

Charlie Dobbin | Richmond Hill, Ont. • Owner, Garden Solutions by Charlie Dobbin

This is like trying to choose a favourite child! But if I have to, I choose Bonica rose (R. Meidomonac). It’s a rose-pink dependable bloomer, disease resistant, slightly fragrant, grows in a manageable way and doesn’t require any special winter protection. It also never argues, asks for the car or stays out all night!

Jim Hole | St. Albert, Alta. • Co-owner, Hole’s Greenhouses

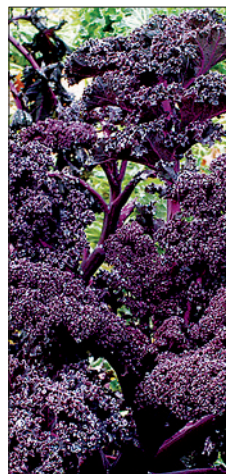
My pick is the delightfully fragrant, snowy white Marie Bugnet, hybridized in 1963 by amateur, but very successful, plant breeder George Bugnet, who lived just a few kilometres from our farm. Named after his mother, who likely sanctioned its moniker — with one caveat: “As long as it doesn’t have big hips.” It doesn’t. In fact, it develops no hips at all.

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Attracting birds is easier than you think

For many gardeners, having songbirds visit is one of the benefits of having a garden in the first place. It’s always a delight to see the variety of birds that drop by for a nibble or a rest. If you want to create a bird-friendly garden, it’s important to attract them with natural sources of food as well as using bird feeders.

Birds have simple needs: Food, water, shelter, and protection from predators. Naturally, native birds thrive on native plants, so choose a selection of regional beauties that produce seeds, berries, or nectar. Work dead trees or old stumps into your landscape to attract insect-eaters and

provide shelter. The more diverse your food supply is, the more variety of birds you’ll see in your garden. Also you can help birds out by placing bird feeders in your yard filling them with a high quality seed that is balanced in nutrition like Scotts or Morning Song Wild Bird Food. The type of food you feed attracts different kinds of birds. Smaller seeds like thistle seed attract bright yellow gold finches.

Larger birds like to perch on feeders and eat mixes of seed, with an all time favourite being sunflower seed, says Syd Pell who heads up the bird food division at Scotts Canada. Pell explains, “A mixed food will provide a good ratio of nutrients for the birds.”

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Food

As many greens grow in sandy soil, cleaning in several changes of water is often necessary to remove all the grit. Pull off the stems, breaking them off at the leaf.

BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA



Spin it

Rinse in several changes of water and spin dry in a salad spinner.

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Liquid Assets

Peter Rockwell



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Join the club

Looking for a challenge this summer? (And I'm not talking about keeping up with the yard work.) How does grape collecting sound?

Thanks to Steve De Long all you have to do is download his mega list of varieties, check off at least 100 that you've tasted and you can become a member of The Wine Century Club.

Only 590 people (including yours truly) have had the juice of the required number of grapes (and you can count blends) in their mouths. De Long says that he only hears from about three per cent of all the eager imbibers who get his list. He sends those that make the grade a snazzy certificate for their efforts.

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Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Grazing through greens

Some of the first greens of spring are showing up at your local market

À la carte

Barb Holland

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A variety of greens are one of the first crops at the market: Lettuces, spinach, arugula and watercress. These tender greens tend to be delicate and supple in texture and provide variety, flavour and texture to salads.

More mature greens, dandelion, mustard, chard, kale and the like, will come along in a few weeks and they generally need cooking. Mature greens tend to have large, tough leaves. If you break off a piece and chew it, it will be leathery. Some mature greens, such as dandelion and mustard, will be un-



Check your market for some local spring produce — there are countless ways to dress a salad.

pleasantly bitter even if they are not especially tough. Mature greens should be blanched by

steaming or boiling briefly in water before cooking them.

Fresh and light

Dressing:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Pinch pepper
- 1 oz (30 g) Asiago cheese, shaved

METHOD:

Wash greens and spin dry. Wrap in clean tea towel in plastic bag, or store greens in salad spinner in refrigerator until needed.

Place pecans in large dry skillet over medium heat. Stir a few minutes until fragrant. Stir maple syrup into nuts and cook a few minutes or until well coated and syrup is absorbed into nuts. Transfer to parchment-lined plate to cool. Before serving, break any pecans apart that stick together.

For dressing, whisk together vinegar, oil, salt and pepper, cover and refrigerate until serving.

To serve, re-whisk and toss greens with dressing. Arrange on plates and top each salad with pecans and shaved cheese.

TIPS:

- Dark green cruciferous vegetables, such as arugula, kale, collards, kohlrabi, mustard greens and watercress are members of the Brassica family and are packed with folate, vitamins E and C and minerals such as potassium, calcium and iron.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Personal Gourmet recipe of the month

ROSE REISMAN

Triple Chocolate Brownies

You'll never taste a brownie so rich tasting and addictive than this one. The extra benefit is that it is also lower in fat, calories and cholesterol due to the use of oil, cocoa and light sour cream.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder

- 1/4 cup low-fat yogurt or sour cream
- 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup light cream cheese
- 2/3 cup icing sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 tsp water
- dusting of icing sugar

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spray an 8-inch square pan with cooking oil.

For the brownies, combine the sugar, oil, egg and vanilla in a bowl and mix well. Add the cocoa, mixing it in well. Add the flour, baking powder, yogurt and chocolate chips, mixing just until combined and smooth. Don't overmix.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the center of the oven for 15 to

20 minutes, just until set. Do not overbake. Cool on a rack for 15 minutes before icing.

To make the icing, place cream cheese, icing sugar, 1 1/2 tsp cocoa powder and water in a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Spread over the top of the brownies.

Cut into squares and garnish with a dusting of icing sugar, or drizzle melted dark and white chocolate overtop.

PREP TIME: 10 MIN

COOK TIME: 20 MIN

SERVES 12

About Rose



Rose Reisman is an author, media personality, nutritionist, and the inspiration behind a fresh food delivery service, Personal Gourmet, and new website, The Art of Living Well. Visit Rose at rosereisman.com & personalgourmet.ca

Simple Spring Salad with Maple Glazed Nuts

Look for locally grown arugula and watercress for a peppery punch. The sweetness of the maple-glazed pecans contrasts nicely with the bitterness of some greens and the sharpness of Asiago cheese. Asiago is a good grating cheese, so buy a piece and use a cheese shaver for attractive pieces. Makes four servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups (1.5 L) mixed lettuce greens
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) pecan halves
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) maple syrup

Nutritional Info

PER SERVING

Protein:	2.3 g	Saturated fat:	1.5 g
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It was a quiet week with no openings on the horizon, and the rain was getting me down. I needed comfort on a grand scale, and French food had become an idée fixe for my buds. Bistro Pastis was celebrating their 10th year last month, and I haven't been back in about, oh ... a decade — so the timing seemed apropos.

What struck me first was how little had changed, especially in the price department. Yes,

On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

these were marked down a little during May in honour of the anniversary, but the regular \$26 for New York steak frites is still a great deal. Getting it for \$22 was just gravy.

My starter of simple

steak tartare (\$12) was in perfect balance with the saltiness of the accompanying frites. Soup of the day (\$8.50) was green pea with a hint of cream, a fresh smoothie in a bowl. Roasted duck breast (\$25) with rösti potato galette, shiitakes and sour cherry sauce was enormous and enormously good. Portions are definitely bistro-size, so take care if going the full three-course route. Crêpes Suzette (\$8) was a medley of Grand Marnier



Roasted Wetzel duck with rösti potato galette, Swiss chard, shiitakes and sour cherry sauce.

and lime ice cream — sweet, sour, creamy and tangy all at once. It's a menu that's long on

flavour, big on portions and polished in presentation.

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Entertainment

**Ready for Much**

Black Eyed Peas, Classified (left), and Rise Against are among the newest performers who will appear at the 2009 MuchMusic Video Awards, co-hosted by the Jonas Brothers, on June 21. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙ A CLASSIC; ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙ EXCELLENT; ⊙⊙⊙⊙ GOOD; ⊙⊙ FAIR; ⊙ POOR

Phoenix delivers dance-rock gem

Phoenix**Album:** Wolfgang Amadeus**Phoenix****Label:** Glass Note**Rating:** ⊙⊙⊙⊙**PHOENIX HAS DONE**

it. The breakdowns, rock-instruments-as-rhythm-machines and synthesizer vocals of the band's past albums have meshed into a near-perfect expression of dance-rock. Singer Thomas Mars uses words like piano keys, seemingly chosen for cadence and rhythm over meaning (maybe one reason the Frenchman sings in English). Stitched deep into a bed of warm, rolling percussion and analog bass, they mimic the arrangements of the band's French house pedigree. Influences from Daft Punk (and former bandmate) Thomas Bangalter and Philippe Zdar from Cassius (who produced the album) also pop up in the funky bassline in Fences and the sparkling builds of Love Like a Sunset, Parts I and II. I challenge anyone to listen to Lisztomania and 1901 back-to-back and not start head-nodding. Heck, I'm doing it on an airplane right now.

Rob McMahon/for Metro Canada

three categories — the ones who remember the Penthouse pictures and her fall from grace 25 years ago as the first black Miss America, the ones who remember her stunning comeback as an R&B singer and the ones who now know her as Wilhelmina on TV's Ugly Betty. This album is for the oldsters who still keep her centrefold tucked under their mattress. It's filled with sultry renditions of '60s and '70s jazz, pop and Latin standards. Backed by lush orchestration, Williams' voice handles the material surprisingly well. The Real Thing bubbles over with class.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Dave Matthews Band**Album:** Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King**Label:** RCA/Sony**Rating:** ⊙⊙⊙⊙**THE GROOGRUX KING**

is the nickname of Dave Matthews. Band sax virtuoso LeRoi Moore, who died last year in a tragic ATV accident on his Virginia farm. Luckily, Moore's presence has strongly preserved throughout this dynamic album that will serve to keep the Dave Matthews Band at the forefront of innovative American rock for years to come. It's steeped in the Mardi Gras tradition of New Orleans while providing a showcase for DMB's multiple instrumental talents. There is an urgency to the vocals of Matthews and the playing of Stefan Lessard (bass), Carter Beauford (drums) and Boyd Tinsley (violin) that may have been lacking on previous DMB stu-



French band Phoenix has created a near-perfect expression of dance-rock on its latest album.

dio efforts. This is a band that can still turn on a dime as well, or better, than any in the business.

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Elvis Costello**Album:** Secret, Profane & Sugarcane**Label:** Hear/Universal**Rating:** ⊙⊙⊙**RECORDING**

AN ALBUM in three days should be a recipe for disaster, but not when the cook is Elvis Costello. Here, the legendary guitarist teams up with T-Bone Burnett to create a barn-burning acoustic set of Americana complete with copious amounts of slide guitar and banjo picking. While there are some great tunes — Sulphur to Sugarane is one — with tracks from his Hans Christian Anderson opera, a Bing Crosby cover and a



new version of Complicated Shadows, it is a bit all over the place. While it's not his most focused work, it's still one that Costello fans will enjoy.

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Justin Hines**Album:** Chasing Silver**Label:** Orange/Universal**Rating:** ⊙⊙⊙**JUSTIN**

HINES IS the little guy from Newmarket, Ont., with the big voice now being featured on the Ontario tourism commercials. (Why don't those ads ever tell you who the artist is?) Chasing Silver is a collection of wonderfully crafted folk songs that reach back into the early '70s era of the singer-songwriter. The 11 original tracks here are filled with musical references to



James Taylor, Jim Croce and Carole King. There are times on this album, especially on tracks like While You Are Out There, when Hines' voice is eerily reminiscent of Cat Stevens, circa Tea For The Tillerman. That kind of charming folk music has been gaining a new audience from young, retro-mining fans. And there's nothing wrong with that. Hines' outstanding cover of Peter Gabriel's Salisbury Hill will draw a lot of new fans to his music.

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Eels**Album:** Hombre Lobo:

12 Songs of Desire

Label: Vagrant/Universal**Rating:** ⊙⊙⊙**DESPITE**

WHAT SOME grunge-loving '90s fans might think, the Eels didn't disappear after Novocaine for The Soul, an MTV hit 13 years ago. The group's ninth record (they've released fairly solid albums every year or two) follows a half-wolf, half-man character first introduced to fans on 2001's Dog Face Boy. Now, the boy is an adult, dealing with things like loneliness, love and heartache — all emotive stuff wrapped in the band's swaggering alt-rock sheen. The disc is full of both loud, infectious tunes and soft, introspective numbers, making Hombres Lobo an eclectic, and catchy listen.

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Vanessa Williams**Album:** The Real Thing**Label:** Concord/Universal**Rating:** ⊙⊙⊙**AMERICA'S FAVOURITE BEAUTY**

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Vardalos rebounds in Ruins

Movie feature

Nia Vardalos couldn't resist adding a shout-out to her fellow Canadians in her new movie, *My Life in Ruins*.

"Once a Canadian, always a Canadian," quipped the Winnipeg-born writer-actress, whose 2002 debut *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* came out of nowhere to earn more than \$241 million US.

In the romcom *My Life in Ruins*, Vardalos plays a Greek-American college prof who retreats to Athens to work as a tour guide to find her lost kefi — Greek for mojo.

Over the phone from her Los Angeles home, Vardalos says one exchange she penned for the movie was inspired by a scenario she faced a lot when she first moved to California: Americans consider Canada to be the 51st state, something that's guaranteed to rile any True North resident.

Ever a polite Canuck, the 46-year-old refused to take a screenwriting credit on *My Life in Ruins*.



Nia Vardalos in *My Life in Ruins*.

"I asked permission from the writer (The Simpsons Movie's Mike Reiss) to add the Canadian stuff, but I didn't want a credit. That's gross," says Vardalos, sounding appalled at the mere suggestion.

Such is the down-to-earth style that made moviegoers fall for Vardalos's autobiographical tale of her wedding to a non-Greek. (She and spouse Ian Gomez wed in 1993.)

Vardalos was on top of the world when Greek Wedding hit big, the culmination of a Hollywood fairy tale that began with actor-spouses Tom Hanks

and Rita Wilson investing in the project, which was based on a stage show written by Vardalos. Nominations for an Oscar and a Golden Globe followed.

(Hanks and Wilson are back on board for *My Life in Ruins*. Wilson also has a small role.)

Things then got bumpy for Vardalos. A 2003 TV show based on the movie lasted only a handful of episodes. Connie and Carla, a Vardalos penned *Some Like It Hot*-style gals-on-the-run flick, co-starring Toni Collette, did mediocre box office and got lukewarm reviews.

Vardalos all but disappeared. "I lost my mojo for a while, yeah," she says.

"I was very clear. I chose to step back and grieve a personal situation of being at the end of a 10-year fertility battle."

Vardalos talks quickly and pointedly; she's obviously made the speech to reporters before. The message comes through clearly:

"I lost my mojo for a while. I was very clear. I chose to step back and grieve a personal situation."

Nia Vardalos

she'll offer a bit of information, nothing more. "It was happening to me at 32. All during the success of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, it was this."

She politely refuses to say if she and Gomez tried in vitro fertilization or fertility drugs. Last year they did start a family, when

the couple adopted a three-year-old daughter.

Although Vardalos won't allow the child to be photographed or her name made public, "I do understand all this happened to me so that I could use my big mouth to talk about foster adoption," she quips.

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My Life in Ruins hits theatres tomorrow

critics' corner

Jamie's Ministry of Food

Chef Jamie Oliver returns to what some might call the scene of the crime in this new series. His efforts to improve the school food in the English town of Rotherham weren't received well; however, he's trying again with a campaign to get the people of Rotherham — whose takeout consumption is among England's highest — hooked on cooking. It won't be easy, but getting people to eat better is something Jamie is passionate about, so he's giving it all he's got. 6 PM on FN



Hirsch takes on modern Hamlet

FILM Emile Hirsch will play Hamlet in a modern take on the Bard's play that the actor helped to conceive. *Twilight* and *Thirteen* director Catherine Hardwicke, who worked with Hirsch on *Lords of Dogtown*, will helm the project for Liberty Media-owned studio Overture Films.

Jesse James sets Spike TV record

SHOW Jesse James' new stunt series is alive and kicking on Spike TV, with a premiere episode that set new ratings records for the cable network. Jesse James is a Dead Man debuted Sunday night at 10 p.m. and drew two million viewers — including 900,000 among the network's target demographic of men 18-49.

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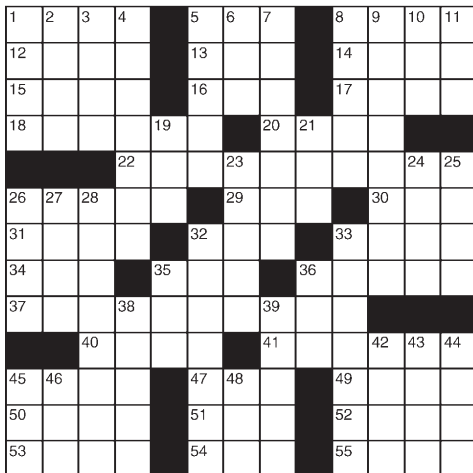
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-	-	10	OMNI	The Daily	Fraser (CC)	Smallville "Identity" (CC)	The Office	Supernatural (CC)	Scrubs (CC) Diya (CC)	New Day		
252	336	3	TV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Bones "The Bone That Blew"	The Office	The Office	Harper's Island "Gurgie" (N)	News (N)		
256	389	3	VI	The Road to Avonlea		Greek Prohibition party. (CC)	Wife Swap "McIntyre/Keyser"	Private Practice (CC)	Private Practice (CC)	News (N)		
253	359	3	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Jimmy Kimmel [31] Friends	30 Rock	30 Rock	Krod Mandoon/Krod Mandoon	The List		
-	-	3	W	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Identity" (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fraser (CC)	
289	381	3	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Big Bang Th	Old Christine	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	(C1) The Mentalist (CC)	News (N)		
287	379	3	NBC	Evening Mag.	Summer	I'm a Celebrity: Get Me Out.	The Listener "I'm an Adult"	The Listener (N) (CC)	The Listener (N) (CC)	News (N)		
602	568	3	W	How Clean	Friends (CC)	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Divine Design	Love It-List It	House	
288	380	3	ABC	NBA Basketball: Finals -- Magic at Lakers		Jimmy Kimmel	DTV: Ready?	Jeopardy! (N)	Problem Solvers, Tactics	KOMO 4 News		
-	-	28	KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Hard to Kill ** (1990, Action)	Steven Seagal, Kelly LeBrook.	King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)		
291	383	3	PBS	Back Care Basics: Yoga		UltraMind Solution: Defeat Depression, Overcome Anxiety	UltraMind Solution: Defeat Depression, Overcome Anxiety	Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone!	Dr. Wayne Dyer: Excuses Begone!	(CC)		
290	382	3	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones "The Bone That Blew"	So You Think You Can Dance	News (N) (CC)	Family Guy	Family Guy		
-	364	3	PBS	Drug Companies Won't Tell		UltraMind Solution: Defeat Depression, Overcome Anxiety	UltraMind Solution: Defeat Depression, Overcome Anxiety	As Time Goes By Reunion Special (CC)	As Time Goes By Reunion Special (CC)	Paid Program		
296	554	3	CBK	Fraser (CC)	Fraser (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	PAID Program		
298	553	3	TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville "Identity" (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Supernatural (CC)	Friends (CC)		
295	551	3	WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
297	552	3	WPX	PIX News at Ten (N) (CC)		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	According-Jim	Fraser (CC)	Fraser (CC)	Odd Couple
199	311	3	STR	News (N)	News	Late Show-Letterman	Late Show-Letterman	Late Show-Letterman	Late Show-Letterman	Will & Grace	Seinfeld	
502	390	3	NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)	CBC News: The National (N)	CBC News: The National (N)	Hobbit Enigma (CC)	National		
500	500	3	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Cooper 360		
407	419	3	RSP	Red Bull: Air Race		Hockey	MMA Conn	The Ultimate Fighter	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet		
400	400	3	TSN	NBA Basketball: Finals Game 1 -- Magic at Lakers				SportsCentre	WEC Wreckage (N) (CC)	Boxing		
411	457	3	OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures "Cuba" (CC)		Mantracker "Dustin and Ian"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures	
410	403	3	SCR	Score Tonight		Hardcore Hockey Talk		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	
417	406	3	SC	Wrecked (N)	Wrecked (N)	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Pinks -- All Out	Pinks -- All Out	Pinks -- All Out	Wrecked	
416	409	3	GLF	Fútbol Uruguayo		Go! TV News	Fútbol MLS	Off the Pitch	Go! TV News	Go! TV News	Go! TV News	
552	543	3	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	In Real Life "Pilots" (CC)	Falcon Beach "Trust This"	Mystery Hnt.		
555	545	3	TAM	Jimmy Two	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama	Ghost World *** (2001, Comedy-Drama)	Thora		
557	541	3	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han, Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody	
553	546	3	KRE	Comfy Couch	Zigby	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
268	354	3	TNO	Recreat. Eden	Big Ideas	Battleship Yamato		Art	Heaven-Earth	Urban	On Screen	
575	583	3	CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Tuckerville	Wilkinsons	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith
570	580	3	MMT	Video on Trial	Born to Be	One Tree Hill (CC)		Paris Hilton's My New BFF	Technical Diff.	Technical Diff.	Spotlight	
600	564	3	H&G	House	House	Holmes in New Orleans (CC)		Disaster DIY	Big Amazing	Holmes in New Orleans (CC)	House	
615	520	3	A&E	Crime 360 (N) (CC)		Manhunters	Manhunters	The First 48 (CC)		Crime 360		
628	584	3	SPKE	(6:00) TNA Wrestling (N) (CC)		4th and Long "Game Day"		MANswers	GameTrailers	MANswers	Beavis-Butt.	Pros vs. Joes
521	560	3	SHO	Street Customs (N) (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		Street Customs (CC)	American Chopper (CC)	Hot Rod		
520	562	3	THC	The Outer Limits "Tempests"		Love-Death	Love-Death	Anna's Storm (2007, Action)	Sheree Wilson (CC)	House (CC)		
620	523	3	BVO	Saddest Music in the World		Law & Order "Fame" (CC)		Without a Trace "Fallout"		The Saddest Music in the World ***		
601	562	3	SVC	X-Weighted "Tammy" (CC)		ET Canada	[Tit Debt-Part	Real Housewives NYC	Trading Spouses	Paradise Hotel		
520	505	3	DIS	MythBusters (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Factory City	Gridlock	MythBusters		
522	506	3	HIS	NCIS "Judgment Day" (CC)		Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Metropolis "Constantinople"	NCIS "Judgment Day" (CC)	Carrier		
628	528	3	SBS	(6:00) Men in Black II **		Stargate SG-1 "Lifeboat"		Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Voyager "Hunters"	Star Trek: Ent.		
294	550	3	CEN	Men in Black II ** (2002, Comedy)	(PA) Tommy Lee Jones.			Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(9:55) Men in Black II ** (2002) (PA) (CC)		
619	525	3	TROP	Traders (CC)		Inside Hollywood (N) (CC)		Seinfeld	Raymond	Seinfeld		
603	561	3	FN	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Boys	The Wild Chef	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Ace of Cakes		
626	547	3	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)	Corner Gas		The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Now	Extreme Wind	Daily Show
320	621	3	CEN	(6:25) The Secret (2007) (CC)		10 Items or Less ** (2006) Premiere, (CC)		Into the Wild *** (2007, Adventure)	Emile Hirsch (CC)			
581	566	3	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Teen Cries	MTV Live	The Hills (CC)	Canada's Next Top Model	MTV Live		
261	394	3	V	China's Leap of Faith (CC)		The Blue Buddha (Part 2 of 2)		God in China: Struggle	The Blue Buddha (Part 2 of 2)	PAID Program		
-	-	3	MUL	Eight Heroes	Kingdom-Wind	Vancouver	Bahadur-Zafar	Dheeyan Ghar	Sadabahr	Rang Barangi	Desi Rhythms	Patrol World



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Crossword across

- 1 Read quickly
5 The whole shebang
8 Eastern potentate
12 Author Morrison
13 Halloween shout
14 Easter emblem
15 Winged
16 Early bird?
17 Gilligan's home
18 Bicycle-seat style
20 Restaurant chain acronym
22 "Dilbert" or "Garfield"
26 Face-to-face exams
29 Cistern
30 Altar affirmative
31 Jackknife, for one
- 32 Crony
33 Had more than a hunch
34 Female deer
35 Roscoe
36 Falafel holders
37 Meccas for shoppers
40 Break suddenly
41 Pearl's home
45 \$50, in Monopoly
47 Sportage maker
49 Black-and-white treat
50 Lotion additive
51 Charged bit
52 Sensed
53 Proper bloke
54 Greek consonants
55 Admit, with "up"

Crossword down

- 1 Impale
2 Caffeine-rich nut
3 — instant
4 Sainthood prerequisite
5 Perpendicular to the keel
6 Journal
7 Sane
8 "Cats" inspirer
9 Typo
10 Ailing
11 Pumpernickel alternative
19 Ph. bk. data
21 DDE predecessor
23 Ex of The Donald
24 Notion
- 25 Hogan's Heroes group
26 Probability
27 Laugh-a-minute
28 Distaste
32 Cinderella's coach, really
33 Casual dismissal
35 Coll. transcript stat
36 Thickness
38 Cove
39 Bank transactions
42 Genealogy chart
43 Morays, e.g.
44 Deteriorates
45 Satchel
46 Hearty brew
48 Debtor's letters

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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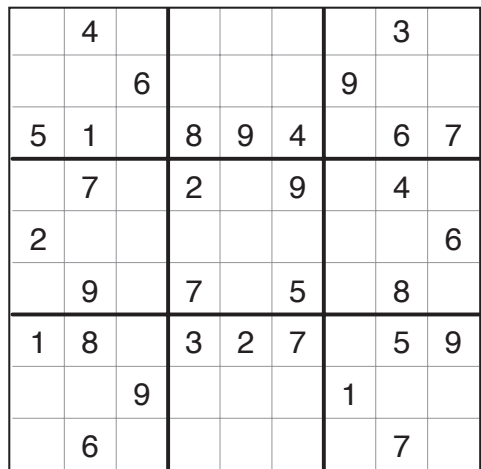
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Sudoku

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Tomato and Pecorino Clafoutis

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 lb (500 g) cherry tomatoes
4 tbsp (60 ml) snipped fresh chives
3/4 cup (175 ml) coarsely grated sharp pecorino cheese
6 extra large eggs
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
3 tbsp (45 ml) sour cream
1-1/4 cup (300 ml) 2% milk

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C). Lightly grease 4 shallow ovenproof dishes, each 5 to 6 in. (13 to 15 cm) in diameter. Divide cherry tomatoes among dishes, spreading them out. Sprinkle with chives and all but 1 tbsp (15 ml) of cheese.

2. Break eggs into bowl and whisk. Slowly whisk in flour until smooth. Add sour cream, then gradually whisk in milk for thin, smooth batter. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Pour batter over tomatoes, dividing evenly between dishes. Sprinkle remaining cheese and an extra grinding of pepper over. Bake until set, puffed and lightly golden, 30 to 35 minutes.
4. Remove clafoutis from oven and leave to cool for few minutes before serving, because tomatoes are very hot inside.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Today you will be even more forceful and focused on your work than usual, but try to remember not everyone is as driven as you are to succeed.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Be careful what you say and do today; a profitable relationship could end if you go beyond what others consider to be acceptable behaviour.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



It pays to follow your hunches and today you won't hesitate to take advantage of what, to your mind, looks like the opportunity of a lifetime.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



If you are the kind of Scorpio who is impetuous then today you'll likely go way over the top. Chances are you'll get away with it.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Don't let others order you around, not even if they have something that you want and you think the best way to get it is to be nice to them.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Something shiny and new will catch your eye today and you'll want it no matter how much it might cost, but keep your cash in your pocket.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Your biggest failing at the moment seems to be your impatience, but today you have every reason to move things along as fast as you can.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Bold decisions will come easily to you today, but you won't know for sure if they're good decisions until tomorrow, so make sure you can back out.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



There's no point trying to persuade friends and colleagues that your way of looking at life is the best. Maybe it is, but that won't change them.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



By now it should be obvious you've taken a wrong turn. What are you going to do about it? Ignoring it is not an option.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



The important thing today is to make sure you spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of other people.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



You may be having second thoughts about a plan of some kind but there is too much momentum behind it to stop it now.

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Celebrity Buzz

Kate plays A-Rod's Band Aid?

GIRLFRIEND NOT GROUPIE Kate Hudson and Alex Rodriguez were spotted getting cozy last month at a restaurant in New York City, and now a source confirms they are dating, people.com reports.

"It's somewhat serious," the source tells People

in its upcoming issue. "He introduced her to a bunch of his friends."

Hudson followed Rodriguez on the road late last month to Dallas, when the Yankees played the Texas Rangers in a three-game series. The actress and son Ryder, 5, stayed at the same hotel as Rodriguez,

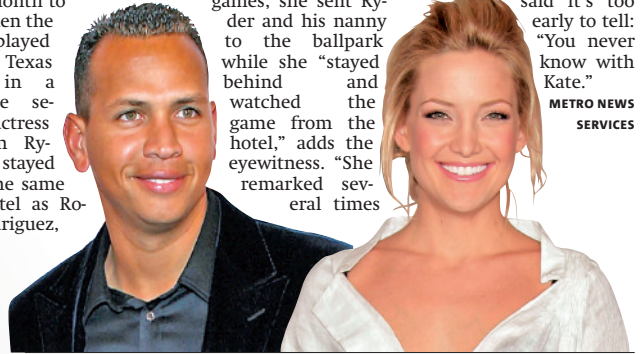
and the couple "worked out together in the fitness centre," said an eyewitness.

For one of the games, she sent Ryder and his nanny to the ballpark while she "stayed behind and watched the game from the hotel," adds the eyewitness. "She remarked several times

about what a big baseball fan she is."

Will their relationship last past the season? Another source said it's too early to tell: "You never know with Kate."

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Anne's musical ambitions

SERENADE Anne Hathaway

taught herself how to play the guitar — so she can serenade her boyfriend, actor Adam Shulman, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress learned to play The Beatles' Blackbird as a special birthday present for Shulman, who turned 28 in April.

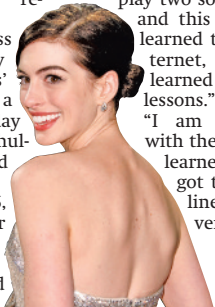
Hathaway, 26, showed off her skills on Monday when she was challenged

by Late Night host Jimmy Fallon to play something for the audience.

She said, "I know how to play two songs, Blackbird and this other song. I learned this off the Internet, literally learned from YouTube lessons."

"I am almost done with the first one! So I learned this song, I got the chords online but I'm not very good at it."

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Jennie's heart problems

People. "My wife has a leaky valve, which is pretty common. A lot of people have a leaky valve and they don't even know that they have it," Facinelli, 35, said. "But there's really nothing you can do for it, so you just

leave it alone."

People.com says some reports misconstrued the story by claiming Garth, 37, suffers from heart disease. Facinelli said. "I don't know how that

happened. I was sitting at home with her, and I saw a ticker tape on the news that said, 'Jennie Garth has heart disease.' I said, 'Honey, you didn't tell me.' But no, she's fine. She's fine."

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HEALTH ISSUES

Though afflicted with a heart ailment, Jennie Garth leads a normal life, the actress' husband, Twilight star Peter Facinelli, tells

Chace has big shoes to fill: Kyra

SUPPORTIVE WIFE

One hot topic in Kyra Sedgwick's family is the casting of her husband

Kevin Bacon's role of Ren McCormack in the remake of Footloose, people.com reports.

"It's that Chace Crawford guy, right?" said Sedgwick. "We met him at the White House Correspondents'

dents Dinner.

ner. Kevin and he had a chat. He's very sweet," but adds, "He has big shoes to fill!"

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Celebrity Buzz

Townies have no love for Kate

BAD FIRST IMPRESSIONS According to several fellow vacationers, Kate Gosselin didn't pay her eight kids much attention on their getaway to Bald Head Island, N.C., when the camera crew wasn't around — even though she



pulled twin daughters Madelyn and Cara, 8, out of school for the trip, us-magazine.com reports.

Between texting on her phone and allegedly huddling with her bodyguard

Steve Neild (with whom husband Jon once feared she was having an affair), "she completely ignored her children the entire time," fellow vacationer Ann Michele Sweeney tells the newest issue of Us Weekly.

"When Kate sat on the edge of the pool, she told one of (the twins), 'If you splash me, you're dead meat,'" Sweeney said. "She was not joking at all."

Another vacationer, Kim Kirsch, tells Us that "Everyone that's encountered her says she's been rude, mean and hateful."

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It just hasn't been Eminem's week, has it?

CAN'T CATCH A BREAK It's been a rough week for Eminem. First he was the butt of Sacha Baron Cohen's joke at the MTV Movie Awards, then the next night he had thousands of dollars worth of items stolen from his L.A. hotel room, including a \$60,000 US diamond necklace and his personal laptop, according to Gatecrasher.

So it's no wonder that at a charity event on Monday, the rapper wasn't exactly up to form. "People were pumped to see him, but he wasn't interacting with his fans. His performance was mechanical, without a lot of personality, and people were pretty disappointed," a source said.

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GETTY IMAGES

LeAnn stalking Eddie?

THREE'S A CROWD Eddie Cibrian cut ties with his Lifetime movie costar LeAnn Rimes two months ago — after their steamy affair was exposed — but his wife, Brandi Glanville, tells the new issue of Us Weekly that Rimes can't let go of her obsession with him.

"LeAnn is a stalker," Glanville tells Us. "She refuses to leave us alone — it is shameful and scary."

People are going to say it takes two to tango and I get that, but at some point LeAnn needs to stop asking him to dance."

Glanville, a model, alleges that Rimes (who was caught on video sucking Cibrian's finger during a date) in-

tentionally tracked down her husband at a L.A. Lakers game on May 17 — two weeks after he changed his phone number to end her "constant texting and calling."

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Melissa muses: Farrah's death or me on the cover?

SO INSENSITIVE Melissa Joan Hart, who graces this week's People magazine cover to show off her recent weight loss, allegedly wasn't so graceful when talking with

friends backstage at a recent KTLA interview. Hart was reportedly heard saying she hoped Farrah Fawcett wouldn't lose her battle to cancer that week, as it would surely bump Hart off the cover, according to Page Six.

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Vanessa drops wedding hint

NO SUBTLETY Memo to Nick Lachey: Vanessa Minnillo has marriage on the mind — and hand, people.com reports.

Pointing to a five-carat ring on her middle finger, Minnillo, 28, told Las Vegas columnist Robin Leach, "It will be 10 carats when it moves to the fourth finger!"

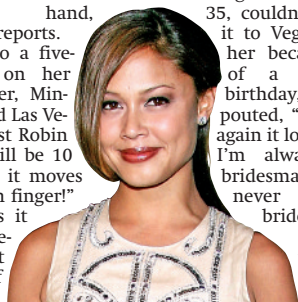
Leach says it was tongue-in-cheek, but in the brief

interview, Minnillo mentions marriage three times. Noting that Lachey, 35, couldn't make it to Vegas with her because he of a friend's birthday, she pouted, "So once again it looks as if I'm always the bridesmaid but never the bride."

Not that there's

a problem, she quickly adds. "This romance is still going strong," she said. "There will always be rumblings and rumours that we've broken up, but in fact, it's very much still on — and it keeps on getting better."

So much so, she says, that "maybe this will be the one time I wind up the bride instead of the bridesmaid." METRO NEWS SERVICES



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